be summary and directed towards ascertaining the truth of the applications.

(*b*) This matter is already engaging the attention of the Government.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In respect of how many applications has the enquiry been completed?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About 164 applications have been enquired into and reports on those applications have been sent up to the Government.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In answer to part (*a*) of the question it is stated "the enquiry has only to be summary and directed towards ascertaining the *truth* of the applications". May I know whether by the word '*truth*' the genuineness of the applications themselves is meant or the genuineness of the statements contained in them?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I rely on the language of the Section in the Regulation. The answer is only a quotation of the Section of the Regulation passed by this Council.

Breaches in the Tovala Channel.

336. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state how many times, within the last ten years, breaches have occurred in the Tovala Channel, and also what the total expenditure incurred within that period was, for closing such breaches in the channel?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): About 40 breaches are reported to have occurred during the last ten years in the Tovala channel and an expenditure of Rs. 17,609 was incurred in closing them.

Kist months in Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara Taluks.

337. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): In view of the fact that the cultivators of land in the Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Mavelikara taluks have very little income from land during the months of Vrischikam and Dhanu, will the Government be pleased to shift the instalments of land tax payable during those months to the months of Makaram and Kumbham when they get a larger income from the land?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The question of changing the months fixed for the payment of *kist* for the Kanni crop formed the subject of an interpellation by the Member for the Karunagapalli constituency at the session of the Legislative Council held in Karkatakam 1098. As the result of the enquiry conducted thereon, G. O. Dis. No. 417/24, Revenue, dated the 28th March 1924, was issued sanctioning the *kist* months for the Kanni crop being altered from Tulam and Vrischikam to Vrischikam and Dhanu, as a tentative measure for two years from 1100, in so far as the taluks of the Quilon Revenue Division are concerned. The working of the above tentative

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arrangement is being watched and it should be given a fair trial before any further changes are introduced.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know the result of the working after this tentative arrangement was introduced in 1100?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government are watching it and they have to wait for the two years for knowing the result.

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have any reports been received about it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Reports are likely to come up only towards the close of the two years.

Empire Exhibition.

338. **MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI** (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(i) the economic effect of the Empire Exhibition on the manufactures and industries of Travancore; and

(ii) whether any of the exhibitors has found new demands and new markets for their wares, and if so, to what extent?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (i) It is too early to judge of the economic effect of the British Empire Exhibition on the manufactures and industries of Travancore. The Exhibition has revealed the fact that there is scope for starting new industries in Travancore and for developing the existing industries.

(ii) Government have no information on this point nor is it possible to collect the necessary information. Dr. Kunjan Pillai, Special Officer for Travancore for the British Empire Exhibition, received several enquiries about Travancore products during the course of the Exhibition and since his return to Travancore, and he passed them on to the manufacturers and traders concerned.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): With reference to part (ii), may I know from the Chief Secretary the *new* industries that have been started since the Empire Exhibition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): The existing industries that have been developed since the exhibition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is too early to judge of the effect of the British Empire Exhibition on the industries of Travancore.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I refer the Chief Secretary to lines 3 and 4 of the answer to part (i) of question No. 338?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is stated there that there is scope for starting new industries.

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